

December 28, 2021

Congressman David Cicilline
2233 Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington DC 20515-3901

Dear Congressman Cicilline,

I am writing on behalf of the National Police Foundation to express our appreciation for recognizing the efforts of the Foundation in introducing the Active Shooter Alert Act of 2021 with Representative Fred Upton.

The Active Shooter Alert Act of 2021 was based largely upon research and analysis conducted by the National Police Foundation, and was due in part to the findings of After Action Reports conducted by the Foundation following the February 2016 shooting in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and the February 2018 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. These reports identified the need for an emergency notification system, like the one described in the bill, in the event of an active shooter incident. The use of a single emergency communication system would quickly and efficiently disseminate pertinent information about an active shooter event, while minimizing the chance for misinformation that could disrupt potentially life-saving communication.

At the National Police Foundation, we envision police and communities working together to implement best practices that are informed or supported by research, resulting in safe, healthy, economically thriving, and mutually trusting communities.

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Sincerely,



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